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## **Administration for Children and Families**

### **Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority**

This Notice amends Part K of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), Administration for Children and Families (ACF) as follows: Chapter KD, The Regional Offices of the Administration for Children and Families (61 FR 3937), as last amended, February 2, 1996. This restructure proposes to change its ten-region organizational structure into a five-region "hub" structure as follows: the Northeast Regional Hub (includes Regions 1, 2 and 3), the Southeast Regional Hub (Region 4), the Midwest Regional Hub (includes Regions 5 and 7), the West-Central Regional Hub (includes Regions 6 and 8), and the Pacific-West Regional Hub (includes Regions 9 and 10). Regions 2, 4, 5, 6 and 9 are Hub sites (largest regional offices) and are headed by a Regional Hub Director. The Director assumes the traditional duties of the Regional Administrator but, in addition, takes on important responsibilities encompassing the entire Hub and impacting on the national level as well. Regions 1, 3, 7, 8 and 10 are headed by a Regional Administrator. This Notice is to reflect the changes for the five regional office hub sites.

Chapter KD is amended as follows:

I. Delete KD.00 Mission in its entirety and replace with the following:

KD.00 Mission. The Regional Offices of the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) operate in a five regional Hub structure - the Northeast, Southeast, Midwest, West-Central and Pacific-West. The five Hub sites are located in the five ACF Regional Offices with the largest caseloads and that serve the nation's largest population centers (New York, Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, and San Francisco). Each of the remaining five regions is part of a Hub (Boston, Philadelphia, Kansas City, Denver and Seattle). All Regional Offices represent ACF to state, county, city or town and tribal governments, grantees, and public and private local organizations in the administration of

programs in the region which assist vulnerable and dependent children and families achieve independence, stability, and self-reliance. These programs include: Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Head Start, Child Support Enforcement (CSE), Job Opportunities and Basic Skills Training (JOBS), Foster Care, Child Welfare, and Adoption Assistance, Child Care, Runaway and Homeless Youth, Developmental Disabilities and Repatriation.

The ACF regional offices oversee the programmatic and financial management and coordination of the ACF programs in the region and provide guidance and assistance to the various entities responsible for administering these programs. They monitor the programs to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, and adherence to program and fiscal policies and procedures. They contribute to the development of ACF national policy based on program knowledge and services in the region. The ACF regional offices review and approve state and tribal plans and, if warranted, take action to disapprove or recommend disapproval as appropriate. They issue grant awards directly for certain programs, and make recommendations to approve and/or disapprove grant awards for other programs. They advise the Assistant Secretary for Children and Families of problems and issues that may have significant regional or national impact. The ACF regional offices act as liaison with the entities responsible for administering the programs, other federal agencies, and public and private local organizations serving children and families. They develop plans to meet ACF goals and objectives and DHHS and agency initiatives. They participate in regional activities to inform the public about ACF programs in coordination with the ACF Office of Public Affairs and the Office of the Secretary at the regional level. The ACF regional offices work with states and counties to assist with the achievement of automated systems. They participate in special reviews relating to children and families.

II. Sections, "KD2.10; KD5.10; and KD6.10 Organizations" are amended as follows:

Replace "Office of the Regional Administrator" with "Office of the Regional Hub Director." For Regions 4 and 9, KD.10 Organizations, replace "Office of the Regional Administrator" with "Office of the Regional Hub Director."

III. Under Sections KD2.20 Functions; KD5.20 Functions; and KD6.20

## **Vessel Sanitation Program; Meeting**

### **The National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Announces the Following Meeting**

*Name:* Current Status of the Vessel Sanitation Program (VSP) and Experience to Date with Program Operations—Public Meeting between CDC and the cruise ship industry, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties.

*Time and Date:* 9 a.m.–1 p.m., June 3, 1996.

*Place:* Doubletree Grand Hotel, Biscayne Bay Miami, 1717 North Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33132, telephone 305/372-0313, fax 305/372-9455.

*Status:* Open to the public for participation, comment, and observation, limited only by the space available. The meeting room accommodates approximately 100 people.

*Purpose:* During the past 9 years, as part of the revised VSP, CDC has conducted a series of public meetings with members of the cruise ship industry, private sanitation consultants, and other interested parties.

This meeting is a continuation of that series of public meetings to discuss current status of the VSP and experience to date with program operations.

*Matters to be Discussed:* Agenda items will include the finalization of CDC's "Interim Shipbuilding Construction Specifications for Passenger Vessels Destined to Call on U.S. Ports," the finalization of "Interim Recommendations to Minimize Transmission of Legionnaires' Disease from Whirlpool Spas on Cruise Ships," revising the current VSP Operations Manual, status of development of a VSP Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point training seminar and future plans for program direction.

For a period of 15 days following the meeting, through June 18, 1996, the official record of the meeting will remain open so that additional material or comments may be submitted to be made part of the record of the meeting.

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